

Fraternal News of the Week

ROYAL ARCANUM
OFFICERS NAMED

Councils of District of
Columbia Hold Annual
Elections.

The various councils of the Royal Arcanum of the District of Columbia have held annual meetings for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Oriental Council, No. 112, elected the following officers: Regent, H. A. Cassell; vice regent, Clayton E. Ennis; orator, C. B. Matthews; sitting past regent, Dr. G. F. Simpson; secretary, Corbin Birch (re-elected, seventh term); collector, Robert E. Logan (re-elected, third term); treasurer, William Hest (re-elected, sixth term); chaplain, Abner H. Ferguson; guide, L. C. Morrison; warden, A. W. Ward; sentry, H. Slagle; trustees, G. H. H. Zellers, J. R. Gishburne, and B. A. Allen; organist, Clifford Hastings; representatives to the Grand Council, William A. Jack, Dr. W. C. Williams, Robert E. Logan, and Dr. G. F. Simpson; alternate representatives, Charles J. James; Thom J. Landgren; Edwin C. Niess, and John R. Gishburne; representative to R. A. Hospital Bed Fund Association, William W. Chase.

National Council, No. 137, elected the following officers: Regent, Edwin Kirby Harris, Jr.; vice regent, Guy F. Allen; orator, George M. Evans; sitting past regent, N. Z. Mell; secretary, Edward B. Eynon, Jr. (re-elected, sixth term); collector, J. W. Harsha (re-elected, twenty-eighth term); treasurer, John L. Leister; chaplain, George M. Myers; guide, Joseph D. Free (re-elected, sixth term); warden, Walter I. Villepique; sentry, Cleveland M. Coates; trustees, M. Bartow Mercer, George B. Farquhar, and Robert Gow; organist, Horace G. Seltz; representatives to the Grand Council, M. Bartow Mercer, and N. Z. Mell; alternate representatives, Robert Gow and Benjamin Franklin.

District Council, Royal Arcanum, elected the following officers: Regent, G. P. Conn; vice regent, J. E. Eckloff; orator, Arthur E. Wells; secretary, Alston M. Peyton (re-elected, ninth term); sitting past regent, H. B. Webb; collector, Claude R. Zappone; treasurer, C. A. Bell (re-elected); chaplain, J. E. Dulin; guide, H. C. Weeks; warden, C. A. Edlin; sentry, A. R. Ringwalt (re-elected); representatives to grand council, C. B. Welsh and H. O. Cook; alternate representatives, G. A. Weber and J. B. Morton; trustees, G. A. Weber, A. R. Ringwalt, and J. B. Morton; representative to Royal Arcanum Hospital Bed Fund Association, H. O. Cook.

Kismet Council, No. 136, elected the following officers: Representatives to the Grand Council, John Redding, Max Abel, and I. S. Childs; alternate representatives, J. J. Boobar, G. W. Slater, and I. S. Robinson; regent, E. E. Heer; vice regent, J. C. Williams; orator, C. C. Dunn; sitting past regent, John Redding; secretary, H. G. Brinkley (re-elected for the ninth term); collector, Thomas M. Hayes (re-elected for the twelfth term); treasurer, L. L. Marcoron (re-elected for the twelfth term); chaplain, M. Spanier; guide, J. W. Berkley (re-elected for the seventh term); warden, John Blumer; sentry, Charles Hepburn (re-elected for the third term); trustees, J. R. Cook, E. T. Davis, G. Geneman; representative to Royal Arcanum Hospital Bed Fund Association, Dr. J. W. Hodges.

ARCANUM COUNCIL
ENTERTAINS REGENT

Carroll Institute Hall was thronged Thursday night with enthusiastic members of the Royal Arcanum of Washington, who were present to join with Grand Regent William W. Chase in extending a fitting welcome to the supreme regent of that order, Robert Van Sande, and members of the executive committee of the supreme council, the governing body of the Royal Arcanum.

In honor of the distinguished guests the hall was tastefully decorated with potted plants and chrysanthemums, and an enjoyable musical program was rendered during the evening by one of the leading orchestras of this city.

After the members had been introduced to the supreme officers by the grand regent, in response to the welcome accorded, Mr. Van Sande made an address. In the course of which he referred to the progress the Royal Arcanum was making, and congratulated the District of Columbia on doing its part in the forward movement of the order. He having made the greatest per cent of net gain during the year about to close.

Short addresses were also made by Supreme Secretary Alfred T. Turner, of Boston, Mass.; Past Supreme Regent Howard C. Wiggins, of Rome, N. Y.; Supreme Vice Regent Clovis H. Bowen, of Pawtucket, R. I.; and J. M. Johnson, of Chicago, the chairman of the board of trustees of the supreme council.

Kismet Council, No. 136, of the Royal Arcanum, held its annual meeting on Thursday evening last at which the officers for 1908 were elected. Twelve applications for membership were read, and the degree team of Kismet Council initiated a class of six candidates in the presence of several supreme council officers. Under good of the order, interesting addresses were made by Clovis H. Bowen, of Pawtucket, R. I., supreme vice regent, and William F. McConnell, of New York, supreme auditor, who congratulated the council on its progress.

SERENADERS GIVE DANCE.

The serenaders were the hosts, Friday evening last, of a large number of friends at the second of the series of dances which they are giving at the Pythian Temple this season.

MARTIAL DISPLAY
AT CHURCH SOCIAL

An unusual program of "Martial Impressions" was given at the regular social affair of the Metropolitan Bible class of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, Friday night. Chaplain Charles C. Pierce delivered an address and three members of the Marine Band rendered selections. The musicians were Ole J. May, Arthur S. Wilcomb, and Sigfried Scharbun.

Mrs. C. E. Ewing sang several illustrated songs, and Miss S. E. Beamer, Miss Ida Shirley, and several young men from the army contributed selections. A military drill was given by Mr. Shackelford, with Miss Nellie R. Hodges playing the drill music.

The Unity Club met at 522 Sixth street northwest, the W. C. T. U. parlors, on Wednesday, with President L. M. Patterson in the chair. Mrs. L. Young Withee, who was elected recording secretary at the last meeting, assumed office.

The feature of the evening was a lecture by Judge Edward P. Seeds, deputy auditor for War Department, on "Some Remarks Concerning Our Presidents: Wise or Otherwise." Discussion followed, participated in by the lecturer, Henry P. Holden, and Maj. George E. Lawrence. A unanimous rising vote of thanks was extended to Judge Seeds for his address.

The following took part in the musical and literary program: C. J. Desmond, Charlton Howarth, Miss H. Rea Woodman, Mrs. Rosa L. Townsend, Mrs. M. Bartow Mercer, George B. Farquhar, and Robert Gow; organist, Horace G. Seltz; representatives to the Grand Council, M. Bartow Mercer, and N. Z. Mell; alternate representatives, Robert Gow and Benjamin Franklin.

The next meeting of the club will be on the second Wednesday in January. An address will be made by Maj. James Albert Clark.

POLITICAL STUDY CLUB
CHOOSSES MRS. TINDAL

Mrs. Helen R. Tindal was elected treasurer of the Political Study Club at the meeting held last week in the home of Mrs. George H. Wright, at Carol Springs Sanitarium, Forest Glen, Md. The election was made necessary by the resignation of Mrs. Gregory.

Mrs. J. H. Engel, Mrs. Katherine Reed Balentine, Mrs. Whitney, and Mrs. Henrietta M. David were elected delegates to the Equal Suffrage Association of the District.

Mrs. Whitney read a paper on the principles of the single tax as advocated by Henry George in "Progress and Poverty." Mrs. Wright entertained the club at luncheon, following the meeting.

H. L. DEAM, COMMANDER
OF BURNSIDE POST

At the meeting of Burnside Post, No. 8, G. A. R., held Wednesday, the following were elected officers for 1908: Commander, H. L. Deam; senior vice commander, William Emerson; junior vice commander, M. L. Leonard; quartermaster, George T. Carter; surgeon, George H. La Petra; chaplain, the Rev. Dr. C. W. Gallagher; officer of the day, E. B. Gregg; officer of the guard, J. H. Blodgett.

Representatives to the department encampment: W. W. Brown, George Newton, E. R. Campbell, J. R. Ourier, L. Vanderhoff, Van H. Bukey, J. E. Hart, A. S. Perham, H. H. Snyder, H. G. La Petra, S. W. Saxon, J. W. Andrews, J. H. Blodgett, C. P. Noke, M. L. Leonard, E. B. Gregg, Alternates: N. D. Adams, H. E. Moulton, W. B. Hartley, James McKee, Dr. Courtney Taggart, Arthur Murray, J. R. Murray, George J. Jones, short address, Louis Heston; solo, Miss Edith A. Larimore.

The program completed, several games were played and refreshments served. The officers of the league are as follows: J. Reese Murray, president; Miss Florence White, first vice president; Miss Leah Corbin, second vice president; Miss Susie Dunlap, third vice president; Miss Emily Hodge, secretary; Willard Rugg, treasurer.

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Neighborhood Notes

Rockville Pastor
GOES TO FLORIDA

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 14.—The Rev. Preston Lewis has resigned the pastorate of the Disciples' Church of this place and gone to Kistmisse, Fla., where he has accepted a call as minister of a large and prosperous congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. White and son, of Washington, who have been spending a while with friends in Rockville, have gone home.

George D. Willard, of Poolesville district, who has been in Rockville for the past month, has returned home and entered upon his duties as cashier of the new Poolesville Bank.

Mrs. and Mrs. William P. Dawson, of Dawsonville, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding a few days since. A large number of guests assembled to pay them honor and they were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

Miss Ella W. Ricker, of the State Normal School, who formerly taught here, was visiting friends in Rockville during the week.

The Rev. Forest J. Prettyman, who has been here several days, has returned to his home in Baltimore.

Mrs. George P. Henderson won first prize at this week's meeting of the Morning Card Club, the second prize going to Miss Louise Edmonston. Among those present were Mrs. Robert N. Baylard, Mrs. Leonard L. Nicholson, Mrs. Robert B. Peter, Mrs. William Dorsey, Mrs. Thomas Anderson, Mrs. Otho W. Talbot, Mrs. George H. Hunter, Mrs. Rose Williams, Miss Elsie England, and Miss Minnie Lowery.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Davis have returned from their visit to their daughter, Mrs. Susie Kerr, at Washington.

Edward Anderson, of this place, who was for several months in charge of a Government exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, has returned to his home.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss B. B. Bogley, of this vicinity, to J. G. Coleman, of Washington, to take place on the evening of the 18th instant. The young lady is the eldest daughter of James T. Bogley, of the county clerk's office.

A Christmas entertainment will be given at the Montgomery Country Club on the 26th instant, and a dance will be given on New Year Day.

Mrs. C. S. McReynolds left here on Wednesday to sail for Cuba, where she will be met by her husband, who is a lieutenant in the army and has been stationed there for some time past.

THEOSOPHISTS DISCUSS
CHARACTER BUILDING

A paper on "The Building of Character" was read at the Sunday evening public meeting of the Capital City branch of the Theosophical Society, in the Pythian Temple, by Mrs. Florence S. Duffie.

Assuming that man forms his own character, and that the process goes on life after life in the series of reincarnations to which each soul is supposed to be subjected, the lecturer dwelt with emphasis on the need for a sound brain and body which must be acquired and refined by cleanliness, exercise, and proper food. Still more important is the next step, to curb those desires that pander to the senses and those thoughts and motives that are immoral or selfish.

The individual having reached the stage of negative goodness, is now ready, Mrs. Duffie affirmed, to take himself consciously in hand, for environment no longer ensnares him, although affording stimuli and a field for certain lines of deliberately selected development. For him character building now becomes a science and a devotion. By centering his aspirations on finer and higher things, by practicing self-abnegation, and by expanding his love to include all living beings, he enters the path of those who have been the friends and teachers of humanity.

DR. BRADFIELD PRESIDENT
OF TRIBE OF BEN-HUR

The annual election of officers of Columbia Court, No. 2, Tribe of Ben-Hur, held at their hall, Ninth and D streets northwest, resulted in the selection of Dr. D. J. Bradfield, past chief; E. H. Bollier, chief; Mrs. C. Jones, judge; Charles Miller, teacher; William H. Dine, scribe; Mrs. J. Dine, keeper of tribute; Chester Parker, captain; R. Johnson, guide; Mrs. L. Johnson, inside gatekeeper; Mrs. E. Walker, outside gatekeeper.

The officers will be publicly installed the evening of January 12.

Falls Church
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
HOLD CONVENTION

The eleventh annual convention of the Falls Church District Sunday School Association, composed of nine Sunday schools in this town and Falls Church district, with a membership of 653, was held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon and evening, A. M. Smith presided.

After devotional exercises, encouraging reports were heard from the various Sunday schools. The Falls Church Presbyterian Sunday School made the best showing, it having 182 scholars on the roll.

Mrs. H. B. Moulton, chairman of the Primary Sunday School Teachers' Union in Washington, gave a most helpful illustrated talk on "Primary Methods." The committee on election of officers for the coming year made the following announcement: President, M. E. Church; vice president, George W. Hauxthorpe; secretary, C. V. Shreve; treasurer, Miss G. Nourse; district primary secretary, Miss Mary Brown, and for the executive committee, Mrs. Carrie Ball, A. M. Smith, E. M. Updike, J. W. Leary, Jr., S. S. Tripp, and the Rev. D. F. Noble.

The following were elected delegates to State Sunday school convention in Roanoke, in April: Miss G. Nourse, A. M. Smith, M. E. Church, and W. M. Ellison.

Mr. Caton has moved his family to Falls Church and is occupying the Lee house, on Broad street.

J. H. Will has begun the erection of an undertaker's establishment on his property, recently purchased from Mr. Crossman, at East End.

Dr. Edward Talbot, surgeon of United States Army, is enjoying a two months' vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Talbot.

C. F. Fowler, of Washington, D. C., will deliver a lecture at the Falls Church hall Sunday at 3 o'clock on "The Offering of Strangers Fire."

W. T. Parrott and Edward Thomas have returned to Falls Church after a pleasant visit to friends in Baltimore.

Miss Margaret Corbett, of Arlington, and Mr. White, of Washington, together with the Misses Wise, of Arlington, Va., were guests at the hospitable home of J. W. Seayon, Great Falls street, last week.

The body of Miss Marion Burdett, who died Monday at the home of her brother, Gen. S. S. Burdett, of Glen Carlyn, Va., was taken from Falls Church Tuesday night to her home in Ohio for burial.

Harvey Steele has moved to Falls Church and rented a house, in Washington street.

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EXCELSIOR LITERARY CLUB
HEARS EGYPTIAN LORE

The Excelsior Literary Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Barnard, 1701 New Jersey avenue northwest, on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. J. Finney Engle, who referred among other things to the spirit of love and forgiveness which should be specially emphasized at the Christmas season.

After the reading of the minutes and the reports of committees the president introduced the lecturer of the day, Mrs. Bradley, who spoke on "Egyptian Mythology." The lecturer gave a carefully prepared account of the various gods and goddesses of the Egyptian pantheon, and the attributes of deity they were supposed to symbolize.

The myths of Isis, Osiris, and Horus were referred to, and a number of ancient hymns to Ammon Ra and other deities were read at appropriate points in the lecture.

Photographs of temples and gods were circulated among the members, adding much to the general interest. Roll call was answered by quotations and selections appropos to the subject.

After adjournment refreshments were served by the hostess. There were twenty-one persons present.

MT. VERNON HIVE ELECTS
OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Mr. Vernon Hive, No. 2, Ladies of the Macabees, held an enthusiastic meeting Friday, when officers for the year were elected. They are: Commander, Mrs. H. H. Griffin; recorder, Miss E. Van Ness; finance auditor, Miss L. Grey; chaplain, Mrs. Anna Griffith; mistress, Mrs. T. Sardo; sergeant, Mrs. C. I. Willy; sentinels, Mrs. Hanna Smith; picket, Mrs. Robert; captain of guards, Mrs. Roberts.

A social evening and a progressive euchre are being planned for the holidays.

Anacostia
CITIZENS WATCH
BRIDGE BUILDING

Citizens of Anacostia and the surrounding districts are watching with great interest the progress of the new \$200,000 bridge, which will span the eastern branch of the Potomac. The main body of the structure has been practically completed and at the northern extremity of the bridge a trestle has been erected to support the tracks of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad, made necessary by the change of grade, while at the southern extremity piles are being driven for the same purpose. The contract for the large amount of filling to be done to meet the new grade established has already been awarded to a local contractor, and this work will be commenced as early as possible.

A runaway accident and collision occurred on Nichols avenue, Anacostia, last Sunday night about 23 o'clock, which resulted in a partial destruction of two vehicles and the injury of three men. Andrew Byer and Samuel Childs were in a buggy belonging to Childs when the horse ran away, crashing into a buggy in which Joseph Seiden, colored, was seated. Both vehicles were overturned and broken.

Notes and Personals.

Dr. Alfred Glascock, of the medical staff of the Government Hospital for the Insane, and A. E. Offutt, of the same institution, who have been on a trip across the continent, have reached Seattle, Wash. They will return by way of California and the South.

George W. King, Jr., is visiting Clarksburg, Clarksburg, Wheeling, W. Va., and Pittsburg.

Mrs. Charles Crutchley is a visitor at Annapolis, Md., where she will spend some time at her former home.

Miss Eulalia King, of 108 Arthur street, has returned home after a visit to Clarksburg, W. Va.

The movement recently instituted for the establishment of a Presbyterian Brotherhood among the men of the Gordon Memorial Presbyterian Church has resulted in the election of the Rev. George W. Cummings, the pastor of the church, as president, and William Smith as secretary.

Clarence Craig, who has been dangerously ill at his home on the Talburt place with an attack of typhoid pneumonia, is slightly improved.

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Brookland

The Phunty Phellows Club met at the home of Frank Marsden, of 131 First street northwest, Saturday evening. Preparations were made for a smoker to be given on the 28th of December.

The Young People's Euchre Club met at the home of Arthur Sargent last Thursday evening.

The vestry of the Church of Our Saviour met with their rector, Rev. Morgan Jones, on Tuesday night at his home on Rhode Island avenue.

The dance given by the students of the Catholic University on Wednesday night at Rauscher's proved a success.

The Future Lights met at the home of Anna Middleton, of Ninth and Lawrence streets, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. McHugh, of Lawrence street, will entertain the Brookland Euchre Club next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. William Daniels is visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels, of Newton street.

Miss Maria and Miss Raymond Parker have returned home from a trip to Virginia.

Dr. Lennox, of Newton street, has gone to New York, where he will meet his wife, who is now on her way from Europe.

Judge F. A. Meyer, of Minneapolis, has returned home after a lengthy visit to Mr. and Mrs. James F. McHugh, of Thirteenth and Lawrence streets.

Mrs. Stanford, of Colonial Beach, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Bradshaw, of Twelfth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robey, of Evert street, have moved to Congress Heights.

Miss Bertha Southall, who has been suffering with typhoid fever for several weeks, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield are receiving the congratulations of their many friends on the birth of a son.

Miss Brown, of Culpeper, Va., who has been visiting Mrs. Horner, of Newton street, has decided to remain in Brookland during the winter months.

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LABOR

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Plate Printers See Congressman Smith, Who Promises to Introduce Bill.

P. J. Ryan, attorney of the Plate Printers and a member of the legislative committee of Central Labor Union, and as such a member of the "labor lobby" before the Sixtieth Congress, with Charles T. Smith, editor of "The Plate Printer," last week called on Representative Samuel W. Smith of Michigan, chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia. They saw him in connection with the introduction of a bill before the present Congress for Government ownership of the telegraph lines of the country and the establishment of a postal telegraph system similar to that so long successfully operated in England and other foreign countries.

Representative Smith introduced such a bill at the last session of the Fifty-ninth Congress, but it failed of passage. Representative Smith told Mr. Ryan and Mr. Smith that he was pleased with the concert of action of organized labor here and all over the country in endorsing Government ownership, and the postal telegraph, and that he thought the present time opportune for legislation to that end, in view of the recent strike of the Commercial Telegraphers.

He told his callers that a bill would be introduced early this session of Congress providing for Government ownership of the telegraph lines and the establishment of a postal telegraph system that will give to the masses an efficient, prompt, and cheap service. He was of opinion that such a bill will meet with strong support in both houses of Congress, and that there is a fair chance of such a measure becoming a law. Mr. Smith said that he would do everything in his power to have such a law enacted.

Four New Congressmen Won
Their Seats on Labor Tickets

There are four members of the present Congress who were elected to that body on the labor platform in opposition to the candidates of the two old parties. Two of them are coal miners and two are telegraphers. They are men of ability and stand high in their organizations, as men above the average intelligence and ability.

They are McDermott, telegrapher, of Chicago, Ill.; Carey, telegrapher, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Nicholson, coal miner, of Scranton, Pa.; and Wilson, coal miner, of Bloomsburg, Pa. There are three or four other organized labor men in the Sixtieth Congress who carry membership cards in their unions but who were not elected on the labor platform.

These men have the assurance of Republican and Democratic members of support of all measures of a reasonable nature, and it is believed by the friends of the labor movement that when the Sixtieth Congress has passed into history the labor platform of the body will have to their credit labor legislation of great importance to the masses.

The legislative committees of Central Labor Union, American Federation of Labor, the International Association of Machinists, and other union labor organizations have formulated a plan of action seeking legislation that will be championed by the four labor leaders in the floor of the House. Among the important legislation sought by the International Association of Machinists will be to secure the necessary appropriations for the building of a new casting foundry at the Washington gas factory. In this effort the labor legislative committees will line up solidly.

Central Labor Union to Elect
Officers at January Meeting

The first order of business for Monday night, January 6, 1908, in the Central Labor Union will be the election of officers. Candidates for the offices are numerous and the politicians of the body are pulling the wires and log-rolling for their candidates. The election will be a spirited one.

The most popular slate announced is James P. McHugh, international secretary-treasurer, Journeymen Stone Cutters' Association of North America, and a former president for president; P. J. Ryan, attorney, plate printers, vice president; Sam De Nedrey, printers, secretary; C. E. McClure, plate printers, financial secretary; J. W. Considine, sheetmetal workers, treasurer—the three last-named filling the positions they will be candidates for re-election to; W. W. Winfree, carpenters, sergeant-at-arms, and these trustees now in office: Oliver P. Beaumont, machinists; N. A. McKenna, stationers, brickmen, and Frank McKenna, plate printers.

Four out of the nine candidates belong to the building trades section and the other five to the miscellaneous section.

Plans for Organization of
Labor Editorial Association

Sam De Nedrey, secretary of Central Labor Union and editor of the Trades

Unionist, and an organizer of the American Federation of Labor, will this week send out to the editors of the labor press and trade journals and the more prominent labor editors of the daily press all over the country invitations to meet in this city February 22 for the purpose of organizing a labor editorial association.

The purpose of the organization will be to bring the labor writers of the country in close personal touch, the discussion of policies; to further the interests of the labor movement all over the country and for the dissemination of union labor news in a form that will be fair to organized labor. It will be suggested that the annual session of the association be held each year at the time and place of the meeting of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, so that its members may get in touch with the leaders of that great labor body.

There are more than one hundred dailies, weeklies, and monthlies published in the country devoted exclusively to the interest of the labor news of the various branches of organized labor. In addition to this number of labor writers, there will be fifty or more writers from the daily press in the large cities who devote all, or nearly all, of their time to labor and industrial news who will be asked to participate in the convention.

President Orders Neill to Inquire
Into Porto Rico Labor Conditions

Following the visit of President Sam Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, with Santiago Iglesias E. Sanchez Lopez and Joaquin Becerra, the two Porto Rican delegates to the recent American Federation of Labor convention, to President Roosevelt, Commissioner of Labor Neill has been directed by the President to visit Porto Rico and make a thorough examination into economic and social conditions of the island.

It was represented to the President that the condition of the working people of Porto Rico were little or no better under the United States Government than they were under the Spanish rule, notwithstanding the enormous increase in production. It is said that the condition of workers there is like that of the workers in the United States, and is without political influence or economic power.

There is no such thing as organized labor in Porto Rico to amount to an influence for the betterment of the masses.

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Building Trades Get on Trail
Of Superintendent Elliott Woods

The building trades are after Elliott Woods, superintendent of the Capitol, who has charge of the erection of the office buildings of the House and Senate, charging that he is employing or permitting subcontractors to employ alien labor on those buildings and that these men have been given positions and are charging American citizens. The matter, it is said, will be called to the attention of Congress.

Name Committee to Procure
Lecturers on Topics for Workers

Sam De Nedrey, of the printers; R. G. M. Ross, sheetmetal workers, and C. E. Pauf, clerks, have been appointed a special committee of Central Labor Union to arrange with well-known speakers to address, from time to time, the central body on current topics of an industrial and economic nature and matters pertaining to the general labor movement of the country.

Among those to be asked to speak before Central Labor Union will be the members of the Sixtieth Congress who were elected to that body on the labor platform.

George W. Meyer, a former Washington stonecutter, now a prominent practicing attorney of Minneapolis, Minn., was in the city last week attending the sessions of the United States Supreme Court, in which he had several cases.

While in the city he was the guest of James F. McHugh and wife.